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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

- 1. (ORIGINAL) An improved process for providing user controlled abstracted television programming information comprising the steps of:
 - a. producing alternatively edited versions of a television programming information;
 - b. extracting the edit information from said edited versions;
 - c. transmitting said edit information as auxiliary information;
 - d. combining said auxiliary information with said programming information; and,
 - e. displaying, under control of user selection information and said auxiliary information, a selected subset of said television programming information.
- 2. (ORIGINAL) An improved process for providing user controlled abstracted television programming information comprising the steps of:
 - a. producing alternatively edited versions of a television programming information;
 - b. extracting the edit information from said edited versions;
 - c. combining said edit information as auxiliary information with said programming information;
 - d. transmitting in combination said auxiliary information and said television programming information; and,
 - e. displaying, under control of user selection information and said auxiliary information, a selected subset of said television programming information.
- 3. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 1, comprising in addition the step, performed between steps d. and e., of:

recording said television programming information and said auxiliary information.

4. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 2, comprising in addition the step, performed between steps d. and e., of:

recording said television programming information and said auxiliary information.

- 5. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 1, wherein said controlled display is performed by a settop box.
- 6. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 2, wherein said controlled display is performed by a settop box.
- 7. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 3, wherein said controlled display is performed by a settop box.

- 8. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 4, wherein said controlled display is performed by a settop box.
- 9. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 1, wherein said auxiliary information is contained in a video blanking interval.
- 10. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 2, wherein said auxiliary information is contained in a video blanking interval.
- 11. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 3, wherein said auxiliary information is contained in a video blanking interval.
- 12. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 4, wherein said auxiliary information is contained in a video blanking interval.
- 13. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 1, wherein said abstracted television programming information comprises at least three levels of progressively summarized material.
- 14. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 2, wherein said abstracted television programming information comprises at least three levels of progressively summarized material.
- 15 (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 3, wherein said abstracted television programming information comprises at least three levels of progressively summarized material.
- 16. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 4, wherein said abstracted television programming information comprises at least three levels of progressively summarized material.
- 17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved process for <u>creating providing user</u> controlled abstracted programming information, further comprising progressively summarized abstractions of <u>television</u> programming information comprising the steps of:
 - a. producing alternatively edited versions of said programming information, itself comprising at least one narrative stream, by a process resulting in the equivalent of the steps of:
 - <u>a1. optionally</u> segmenting said television programming information to create segmented television programming information;
 - [[b.]] <u>a2. optionally</u> decollating said segmented television programming information to create a multiplicity of separate narrative streams;
 - [[c.]] <u>a3.</u> produc[[e]]<u>ing</u> progressively summarized abstractions of at least some of said separate narrative streams to create progressively abstracted streams; and,
 - [[d]] <u>a4. optionally</u> re-collat[[e]]<u>ing</u> said progressively abstracted streams, <u>for</u> at <u>each least one</u> level <u>of abstraction</u>;
 - b. extracting the edit information corresponding to said edited versions;

- c. transmitting said edit information as auxiliary information;
- <u>d.</u> <u>utilizing, under control of user selection information and said auxiliary information, a selected subset of said programming information.</u>
- 18. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 17, employing artificial intelligent segmentation software.
- 19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A precess process as in claim 18, employing feature recognition software.
- 20. (ORIGINAL) A process as in claim 17, employing software that reduces the resolution of a segment and matches it to reduced-resolution versions of known segments.